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About this Publication:

This up-to-date introduction to contemporary African politics focuses on states as well as citizens across the continent, looking at politics from above and below. It examines why we should know about African politics; the evolution of African states; people, identity and power; the practice of power; the range of regimes in Africa; the economic dimensions of African politics; the shifting landscape of conflict and security; and African politics in international relations.

Using an abundance of data and illustrative examples, the authors highlight the contributions of African experiences to the broader knowledge of comparative politics and international relations. The straightforward, accessible style makes the book suitable for the general reader interested in current affairs. But the book will also serve as an essential text and a long-term resource for students and scholars alike.
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Undergraduate students of politics, African politics and international relations, as well as the general reader.